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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE PRIME BEEF UNITS



Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force (BEEF) teams are rapidly deployable, specialized civil engineer units, that provide a full range of engineering support required to establish, operate, and maintain garrison and contingency airbases.

The primary mission of Prime BEEF is to provide civil engineer support for the beddown of personnel and aircraft. Prime BEEF capabilities include airbase site surveys, establishing bare base camps and operations and utility system installation.

Since Prime BEEF forces specialize in airfield operations, they are the primary units considered when establishing and sustaining airfield operations at locations where Air Force aircraft operate.

Prime BEEF teams are also called on to support recovery operations after a natural or man-made disaster to assess damage, fight fires, mitigate hazards, provide emergency utilities, beddown military forces and disaster victims, repair facility damage, and control and monitor contamination

Prime BEEF forces have the necessary command, control and communications to support beddown; fire emergency services; emergency management; explosive ordnance disposal; expedient construction; explosive incident response; chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear response and other specialized mission areas.

There are also specialized Prime BEEF teams that provide unique engineering capabilities such as staff augmentation, incident command, airfield pavement evaluations, collective protection and depot-level maintenance and repair.

Although Prime BEEF units are rapidly deployable and capable of providing support anywhere in the world on short notice, they are typically assigned to an installation

The Air Force established the Prime BEEF program in 1964, posturing civil engineers to better respond to worldwide contingencies. Military civil engineers were divided into specially trained and equipped mobility and recovery teams, each with their own unit type code identifier. The first Prime BEEF deployment went to San Isidro AB, Dominican Republic to support the airlift moving U.S. Army forces into the area in May 1965. The Air Force deployed dozens of separate teams to Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War, proving the value of the program that has sent thousands of engineers around the world since 1965.

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